



Exhibit A is a copy of a Decision on Petition issued in connection with U.S. Application No. 09/378,234, filed August 19, 1999, granting its conversion to the '928 provisional application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments and remarks be entered in the present application file.

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